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In re Application of:

Leatrese HARRIS et al.

Serial No.: 09/939,714 ✓

Filed: August 28, 2001

For: OPEN PORE BIODEGRADABLE MATRICES

ATTENTION:

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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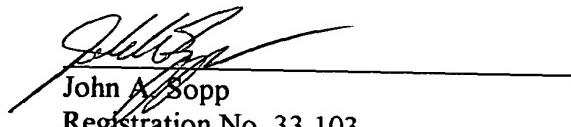
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 28, 2001:

- Attached is the late filing surcharge of \$130.00
- Applicant(s) include the filing fee of \$740.00.
- Applicant(s) include the extra claims fee of \$ 288.00 for 16 claims in excess of 20 \$18.00 per additional claim.
- Applicant(s) include an executed assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet with the recordation fee of \$40.00 (Check No.).
- Attached is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.
- Applicant(s) request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a period of one/two/three/four/five month(s) along with the fee of \$110.00/\$400.00/\$920.00/\$1440.00/\$1960.00.
- Applicant(s) are entitled to small entity status.
- Attached is a verified English translation of the language text filed on along with the fee of \$130.00.
- Applicant(s) provide the title of the invention/inventor(s) name(s) and address(es) on the attached provisional application cover sheet along with the \$50/\$25 surcharge.
- Attached is the Sequence Disclosure as required.

- Attached is the Substitute Specification as required.
- Attached are the substitute drawings as required.
- Attached is an Abstract of the application.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$ 1,158.00. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required to facilitate this filing, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account #13-3402, two copies of this paper are attached for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27). \$740.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$288.
 - \$288 for 16 total claims over 20.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of ~~\$130~~ \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- ~~The balance due by applicant is \$1128.~~

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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